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WEDNESDAY, *March* 22, 1769.

By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,
For the Suppreſſing Riots, Tumults, and Unlawful Aſſemblies.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it has been repreſented to Us, that divers diſſolute and diſorderly Perſons have moſt riotouſly and unlawfully aſſembled themſelves together, to the Diſturbance of the publick Peace; and have, in a moſt daring and audacious Manner, aſſaulted ſeveral Merchants and others coming to Our Palace at St. James's, and have committed many Acts of Violence and Outrage before the Gates of Our Palace; and that theſe Acts of Violence have been accompanied with Threats of a moſt dangerous Kind; We, taking the ſame into Our moſt ſerious Conſideration, and being reſolved to ſuppreſs all ſuch tumultuous Riots and Diſorders, tending to the Diſturbance of the Publick Peace, and to the Endangering of all Order and Government, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to iſſue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby ſtrictly charging and commanding the Lord Mayor, and the Juſtices of the Peace of Our City of London, and the Juſtices of the Peace of Our City and Liberties of Weſtminſter, and Borough of Southwark, and of the Counties of Middleſex and Surry, that they do uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to prevent and ſuppreſs all Riots, Tumults, and unlawful Aſſemblies; and to put in due and ſtrict Execution the Laws and Statutes made for preventing, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the ſame; and that all Our loving Subjects be aiding and aſſiſting therein.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-ſecond Day of March, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-nine, in the Ninth Year of OurReign.

GOD ſave the KING.

St. James's, March 22.

This Day a moſt numerous Body of the Merchants, Traders, and other principal Inhabitants of the City of London, waited on His Majeſty; and being introduced to His Majeſty by the Earl of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain of the Houſehold, they preſented the following Addreſs.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Merchants, Traders, and other principal Inhabitants of your City of London, truly ſenſible, that it has been your Majeſty's conſtant Care and principal Object, ſince you aſcended the Throne of your illuſtrious Anceſtors, to ſecure to your People the full Enjoyment of their Religion, Laws, and Liberties inviolable, and to make them happy and flouriſhing, under your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Government, beg Leave to profeſs our ſteady Loyalty and Duty to your Majeſty, and our firm Reſolution to exert our utmoſt Power in ſupporting the Honour and Dignity of your Majeſty's Crown, in preſerving the Safety, Peace, and Tranquility of your Majeſty's Realms, in maintaining Public Credit, and promoting Commerce, for the Benefit of your Subjects throughout your Dominions.

And we beg Leave to expreſs our Concern and Abhorrence of every Attempt to ſpread Sedition, to inflame the Minds, and alienate the Affections of a free and loyal People from the beſt of Kings, and his Government, which we apprehend has of late been encouraged, without the leaſt Shadow of Foundation, by ſome few ill-deſigning Perſons, to anſwer ſiniſter and ſelfiſh Purpoſes.

And we moſt ſincerely pray Almighty God, that your Majeſty's great and bright Example of Piety, Goodneſs and Clemency, may operate ſo effectually upon the Minds of your People, as to ſuppreſs that Spirit of Licentiouſneſs, Profaneneſs, and Irreligion, which has been induſtriouſly propagated, to delude the Unwary to their own Deſtruction; and that the ſame good Providence will grant your Majeſty a long and happy Reign over a dutiful and loyal People, and bleſs your Endeavours with Succeſs, in a firm and permanent Eſtabliſhment of our moſt excellent Conſtitution, which is not only admired, but envied by all Foreign Nations.

To which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to return this moſt gracious Anſwer.

THE juſt Senſe you entertain of My Deſire to ſecure to My People the full Enjoyment of their Religion, Laws, and Liberties; and the ſtrong Aſſurances you give Me of your Reſolution to ſupport the Dignity of My Crown, to preſerve Peace among My Subjects, to maintain Publick Credit, and to promote Commerce, afford Me the greateſt Satisfaction; as well as your Abhorrence of that inflammatory Spirit of Sedition, which it has been the Buſineſs of artful and ſpecious Miſrepreſentation to propagate.

The warm Wiſhes you expreſs for the Stability and Permanence of this happy Conſtitution, and the Intereſt you take in My Proſperity, will always deſerve My Favor and Protection.

They were all moſt graciouſly received, and had the Honour to kiſs his Majeſty's Hand.

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